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1. WITHIN LAST FEW WEEKS, FIRST 3 OF NIGER'S EXPLORATORY OIL WELLS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED. TEXACO'S TWO WELLS AT FACHI AND SEGUIDINE AND SUNOCO'S ONLY WELL AT FARKA (150 KMS NORTH OF NIAMEY) HAVE HIT GRANITE BASEMENT WITHOUT FCBPNG OIL. SUNOCO OFFICIALS INDICATE NEGATIVE RESULTS OF FIRST WELL MAY LEAD TO RELINQUISHING OF THEIR CONCESSION THOUGH JUNIOR PARTNERS PHIPPS PETROLEUM (UK) AND GLOBAL ENERGY (US) APPEAR RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP NOW 53/-:9, OPERATING IN DIFFERENT GEOLOGICAL BASIN (SAME ONE IN WHICH COHOCI HAS HAD MORE SUCCESS IN CHAD) REMAINS MORE OPTIMISTIC AND PLANS SEVERAL MORE WELLS. FIRST OF THESE, IN EAST OF NIGER BETWEEN TERMIT MASSIF AND CHAD BORDER SHOULD BEGIN WITHIN SEVBEIJL WEEKS. IYEXACO RECENTLY FOUGHT AND WON BATTLE WITH GON TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTEND ITS EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR 5 YEARS.

2. BISHOP OIL ALSO REMAINS OPTIMISTIC) JACK  
BISHOP WHO CURREOJY IN TOWN ON ONE OF HIS PERIODIC  
VISITS TO NIGER INFORMS US THAT HE IS NEGOTIATING  
WITH TEXACO AND POSSIBLY OTHER MAJORS TO  
JOIN WITH HIM IN FINANCING GOEPHYSICAL STUDY OF  
CERTALODKEY AREAS OF HIS DJADO CONCESSION IN  
NORTHEAST NIGER NEAR LIBYAN BORDER. HE  
SAYS HE HOPES TO START EXPLORATORY DRILLING BY END  
OF 1975.HECK

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